

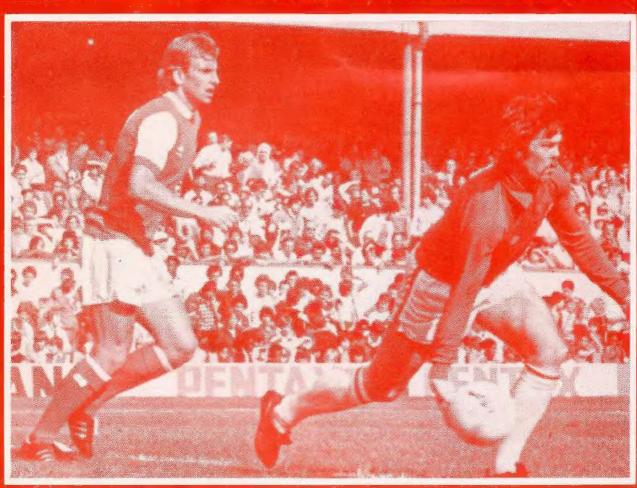


AUSTRALIA

FRIENDLY

Tuesday, November 27, 1984 Kick-off 7.30 p.m.





It's welcome back to Highbury tonight to Australian skipper John Kosmina (left). Arsenal fans will remember centre forward John playing for us in the late '70s . . . as in this game against Leeds in 1978. Now John plays for Sydney City and he's the most experienced member of the Australian squad with 65 appearances to his name.

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Introducing The



I'm expecting a very competitive friendly tonight. The Australians have achieved some good results on their European tour, and they're working hard towards reaching the 1986 World Cup finals.

We'll be starting with our strongest team available. We know we can experiment in a friendly like this, but we always want to win too.

AUSTRALIA'S WORLD CUP ASSAULT

MEXICO 1986 . . . that's the big target for tonight's Australian squad!

The Australians have been matched with New Zealand, Israel and Thailand in their World Cup qualifying group. If they get through, they'll meet the runners-up of the group that includes Scotland and Spain — for a place in the Mexico finals.

The exploits of the Socceroos, as the team is known back home, have finally started to excite the Australian public — who've traditionally put Australian rules football, cricket and rugby league before football.

The Australians drew twice and lost only once in a tough home series against Bobby Robson's England squad in 1983 — in front of 30,000 plus crowds.

And the Socceroos met some notable European opposition — including Nottingham Forest and our own Viv Anderson — in a series of home matches this summer.

Their best result was a 2-0 success against European Cup Winners' Cup holders and Italian champions Juventus on June 16.

Juventus included Poland's superstar Zbigniew Boniek, plus five of Italy's World Cup-winning side! The Australians played 18 matches in the summer to start their World Cup build-up. Then they embarked on a six week tour — comprising four matches in China and nine against European sides.

The Aussies have already beaten Manchester City 3-1, and drawn 0-0 with Forest, during their stay in England.

After tonight's match, they fly off to Italy to face Udinese, and Brazil's Zico

National coach Frank Arok knows his team will only learn by playing hard games against experienced opponents.

And who better to meet on such a tour than Arsenal?

TERRY GREEDY (St George)
Age: 29. International games: 16.
Goalkeeper, Courageous and agile goalkeeper with safe hands. Cool under pressure and has good anticipation. Made his international debut against England last year and has been a regular ever since.

ANTHONY FRANKEN (Canberra Arrows)
Age: 19. International games: 5.
One of the big successes of the Mexico World
Youth Cup Finals series. Rated the best
goalkeeper of the series, following some
brilliant performances against Mexico,
Scotland and South Korea.

ANTHONY PEZZANO (Sydney City)
Age: 24. International games: 2.
A young goalkeeper who has won his
recognition through hard work and dedication,
Very strong in the air, he has a safe pair of
hands and good anticipation.

WALTER SAVOR (Sydney Croatia) Age: 25. This is Walter's first tour with the national team. He can play in midfield or as a striker.

CHARLIE YANKOS (Heidelberg United)
Age: 23. International games: †7.
A strong sweeper who came to the fore in last year's series against England. He can play anywhere in defence and filled in at right-back during Australia's successful Merlion Cup campaign in December 1983.

STEVE O'CONNOR (Sydney City)
Age: 29. International games: 21.
Stopper, Steve is one of the hardest men to pass in the National Soccer League.
Dominating in the air and strong on the ground, he is the lynch-pin of the Sydney City defence.

DAVID RATCLIFF (St George)
Age: 27. International games; 20.
Probably the most consistent performer in
Australian club lootball. Ratcliffe made his
name on the international front in some
memorable clashes with England's Trevor

Francis in last year's series.

MIKE O'SHEA (St George)
Age: 24. International games: 7.
A strong central defender, very consistent and dedicated. He's a recent addition to the national squad.

JOE WATSON (Sydney City)
Age: 32. International games: 18.
A midfielder-cum-winger who has talent to burn. Despite his small stature he is one of the most penetrative players in the Australian game.

KEN MURPHY (South Melbourne)
Age: 28. International games: 13.
A strong attacking midfielder with great experience. Blossomed onto the national scene in the series against England and hasn't looked back.

PETER RASKOPOULOS (Sydney Olympic) Age: 22. International games: 13. A midfielder with a fine consistent record who has played in the National Soccer League for Olympic since he was 15.

TOMMY McCULLOCH (Marconi)
Age: 20. International games: 2.
A youngster with a big future ahead of him.
Plays in midfield and has great vision and is an excellent passer of the ball.

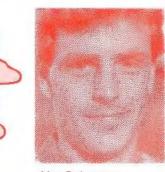
IAN GRAY (Leichhardt)
Age: 21. International games: 2.
One of the young lions of Australian football,
he's a youngster who has come to the fore this
season with some sterling displays in midfield
for his club.

GRAHAM JENNINGS (Sydney Olympic)
Age: 24. International games: 14.
A former Australian youth international, he started out as a left winger, before being converted to left back, He's scored 10 goals in his international appearances.

JOHN O'SHEA (St George)
Age: 27. International games: 9.
A hard working midfielder who has been one
of the most consistent performers in the
National Soccer League for many years.

ALEX ROBERTSON (Sydney City)
Age: 30. International games: 2.
A newcomer to the national scene. He's an experienced defender who can fill any position.

OSCAR CRINO (South Melbourne)
Age: 22. International games: 4.
A brilliant ball player who starred in the sweeper role for the Young Socceroos in the 1981 World Youth Cup Finals series.







Oscar Crino

Socceroos

>HN KOSMINA (Sydney City) je: 30, International games: 65, is over 50 caps and has played in two World in campaigns with the Socceroos. Also ant a season in the English First Division the Arsenal. Great goal-scoring ability.

ARSHALL SOPER (Sydney Olympic)
1e: 24. International games: 8.
1e of the most dynamic and exciting strikers
1e the National Soccer League scene. He can
1e up the slightest opportunity, and rip open
1ey defence with an electrifying turn of speed.

IIL O'CONNOR (Blacktown City)
je: 31. International games: 29.
iginally from Luton Town, he has played for

a variety of clubs in the National Soccer League. He usually plays up front.

FRANK FARINA (Canberra Arrows)
Age: 20. International games: 7.
Another star of lest year's World Youth Cup
Finals. He became Australia's hero when he
scored the equalising goal against Maxico in
front of a capacity 110,000 crowd at the Aztec
Stadium.

CHARLES EGAN (South Melbourne Heliasi Age: 25. International games: 9, A striker who knows the way to goal. Despite being small he can still win the ball in the air. Has good vision and can make space well against tight merking.

TEAM OFFICIALS AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUAD

BRIAN EMERY — EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Australian Soccer Federation

ANDREW LEDERER - TEAM MANAGER
FRANK AROK - NATIONAL COACH

EDDIE THOMSON - ASSISTANT COACH

Dr SIRI KANANGARA - TEAM DOCTOR

CHARLIE JURISIC - PHYSIOTHERAPIST

ROY THOMAS - GEAR STEWARD



erry Greedy



Tony Franken



Tony Pezzano



Walter Savor



Charles Yankos



teve O'Connor



David Ratcliffe



Mike O'Shea



Joe Watson



Ken Murphy



eter Raskopoulos



Tom McCulloch



lan Gray



Graham Jennings



John O'Shea



ohn Kosmina



Marshall Soper



Phil O'Connor



Frank Farina



Charles Egan

THE TEAMS

will be selected from the following

ARSENAL

Red and White

Numbers to be announced

PAT JENNINGS JOHN LUKIC VIV ANDERSON **COLIN HILL KENNY SANSOM** TONY ADAMS DAVID O'LEARY TOMMY CATON MARTIN KEOWN MICHAEL THOMAS **BRIAN TALBOT** STEWART ROBSON PAUL DAVIS DAVID CORK CHARLIE NICHOLAS IAN ALLINSON MARTIN HAYES **BRIAN McDERMOTT** PAUL MARINER RAPHAEL MEADE TONY WOODCOCK TERRY LEE

AUSTRALIA

Yellow and Green

Squad No.

- 1. TERRY GREEDY
- 2. WALTER SAVOR
- 3. **GRAHAM JENNINGS**
- **CHARLIE YANKOS** 4.
- 5. DAVID RATCLIFFE
- STEVE O'CONNOR 6.
- 7. JOE WATSON
- 8. MARSHALL SOPER
- 9. JOHN KOSMINA
- 10. KEN MURPHY
- 11. PHIL O'CONNOR
- 12. ALEX ROBERTSON
- 13. IAN GRAY
- 14. MIKE O'SHEA
- 15. JOHN O'SHEA
- 16. TOMMY McCULLOUGH
- 17. PETER RASKOPOULOS
- 18. FRANK FARINA
- 19. CHARLES EGAN
- 20. OSCAR CRINO
- 21. ANTHONY PEZZANO
- 22. ANTHONY FRANKEN

Tonight's officials have been appointed by the North Middlesex Referees' Society.

COMING GAMES AT HIGHBURY

Saturday, December 1

v LUTON TOWN

Canon League Division One Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8

V QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Football Combination Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Tonight's programme was edited by KEVIN CONNOLLY, and printed and designed by Maybank Press, Hainault, Essex.